

San Bernardino County Children's Network
EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

MINUTES

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County Superintendent Schools Office
601 North E Street
San Bernardino, CA

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Susan Melanson and Mary Jaquish welcomed all those present and self- introductions were made.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions to agenda.

3. Approval of September Minutes

No additions or corrections to the minutes as submitted.

4. Celebration of Fall Festivity – Networking

This meeting provided an opportunity for all members to network and make critical contacts on other agencies and programs. An exercise for the members included a theme similar to the “new” Child Welfare Services Redesign. The networking activity went well and prizes were distributed.

5. Handouts and Round table Discussion

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino: December 3rd will be the next surplus property giveaway. If you would like to apply you must be a qualified 501(c) 3. To receive an application please contact the Children’s Network Office at (909) 387-8966. Mary reviewed the grant information that was listed in the packet. The CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) applications are available through the Department of Economic Community Development for San Bernardino County. The deadline for the application is December 11th; call (909) 388-0800 for an application packet and information on some training courses. Mary reminded the group they need to get a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number when applying for Federal Grants. To get a DUNS number contact: <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com/> or call (1-866-705-5711).

Adriane Rich of Economical Community Development: The CDBG grant can be used for a Housing program specific to emergency shelter grant and fair housing.

Terri Larson of Somebody Cares Southland reported: November 20th there will be a business and faith-based conference. David Mills will do a workshop on grant writing proposals. Mike Ferguson will also do a great presentation on grant writing for after school programs at churches.

Jumpstart backpack program: Somebody Cares Southland is collaborating with other agencies in collecting school supplies to go in the backpacks. The next distribution will be November 3rd for Arrowhead Elementary School where 850 students will receive backpacks.

Patty Termini of San Bernardino Courts reported: She has been working for the courts looking for grants for 16 months. Patty is now and is focusing on outreach and identifying new avenues for funding.

Debbie Lucas of the Sheriff’s Department reported: Courts, Probation, Behavioral Health, District Attorney and City Police are developing a crisis intervention team to get grants for law enforcement.

Linda Porras of Public Health reported: They still have free gas cards, bus passes, phone cards through the young adult clinic and some other Public Health Clinics.

Susan Zador of Mail for Me Club reported: Working to help terminally ill children by sending them letters or packages. They also have a program that the terminally ill children can write letters to soldiers.

Regina Lindsay of Jubilee's Nuts & Bolts reported: Regina is developing mentoring program in Rialto for youth ages 10 to 15, and is currently working with 16 mentors.

Melissa German of Public Health reported: Flyers are available regarding HIV/STD testing for adults and youth over 12. They provide outreach through health education and prevention.

Nick Watson of Public Health PALS reported: They work with pregnant and parenting teens. The Department of Public Health offers low-cost or no cost immunizations for babies. Flu shots are coming soon. Nick Watson has an intern, Emily, whom is working with him. Emily is working on her BA in Social Work.

Anthony Rubio of Children's Network reported: Anthony distributed a flyer of monthly meetings for the Child Care & Planning Council. Meeting locations vary month to month. Next meeting is November 12, 2003 at the Volunteer Center at 720 South E Street, San Bernardino. Information to be presented at the meeting will include: tips on grants for childcare providers, affects on county, state, and federal monies, and consultation on starting a child care center.

Susan Melanson of Children's Network reported: Children's Network leads the Child Abuse Prevention Campaign for the county. They are there to help identify gaps and lapses in services and to know what is available. The collaboratives are a pivotal part of this process in order to disseminate information to the public. Children's Network Policy Council directed us to create a database with information on existing parenting classes to identify gaps and overlaps throughout the County. A survey was mailed to a sampling of the Children's Network mailing list asking if the agencies have parenting classes, what curriculum they use, etc. Included in that survey was a question about creating parenting "drop in centers". Three regional groups have formed and are working to create neighborhood walk-in centers for the parents in the immediate neighborhoods. The goal is to match the parenting resources together and provide professional staff to assist the parents. She invited everyone to come to the first event in Redlands for pizza, fun activities for kids, and discussion among the parents. If you would like more information on this project please call Susan at (909) 387-5394. Their goal is to have a drop-in center in every neighborhood so your input is welcome!

She thanked everyone for attending the annual conference and mentioned they are hoping to go to a 2-day event next year. Children's Network staff is busy looking for corporate sponsors for the Children's Network Annual Conference next year.

Terrance Stone of Young Visionaries reported: They are a nonprofit visionary leadership group that works with at-risk youth, primarily probationary youth. They give presentations on gangs and anger management. They have a presentation at 5:30 tonight.

6. Discussion change of meeting date and time for 2004?

East Valley Collaborative cannot continue on the third Tuesdays at 2 p.m. due to a conflict of schedules. We are tentatively looking at the 2nd or 4th Tuesday afternoons. The entire mailing list for East Valley will be mailed a survey to pick the times and dates most acceptable to your schedule. A tally will be taken of the responses, and you will be notified of the change in time, date and meeting location starting with the very next meeting of 2003.

7. The next meeting will not be on November 18th as previously planned. Another meeting date, time and location will be selected once the surveys have been tallied.

East Valley Collaborative will be dark in November and will meet in December, 2003.

**Next Meeting Date: December 9, 2003 3:00pm
First 5 San Bernardino
330 North D Street, 5th Floor
San Bernardino, CA**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Williams, Children's Network
East Valley Collaborative Recording Secretary

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